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express their happiness in the sweetest notes. Should a shower come on, these trees would also shelter us even from the rain; but be sure, my dears, never to get under a tree to avoid lightning, that being very dangerous; for the boughs are very apt to draw the lightning to them.

Every hedge now looks like a garden. See how the sweet woodbines, by some people called honey-suckles, twist about the young trees, and give them the most beautiful appearance! There are many pretty things that grow in the hedges, all of which are of some use or other. The briars produce hips, and the hawthorns, haws, and on these the pretty little birds live in the winter, when frost and snow deprive them of almost every other kind of food. The brambles produce blackberries, which are so agreeable to the palates of you little folks. But pray be cautious of what you gather in the fields to eat; for there

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there are some berries, which, though they are very pretty to look at, would poison you were you to eat them; and to be poisoned is as bad as to be killed, for poison always brings death along with it.

Here, my dear Billy, is a pretty little hazle twig for you: it will serve you to drive away strange dogs, that come into the house and dirty it. On this hazle-tree grows nuts; but filberts are another kind of nuts, and a much better sort. You have plenty of walnuts in your orchard; but I must beg you both to remember, not to eat too many nuts of any sort, for they are very unwholesome when eaten to excess.

There are a great many other sorts of nuts, as almonds, chestnuts, and the like; but the cocoa-nut is the largest and finest. These last are not to be found in our fields; being raised only in gentlemen's hot houses; for their natural soil is in the West-Indies, a place on the other side of the great ocean, some thousands